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FOLLOWING REPEAT CAIRO 10061 ACTION SECSTATE INFO ABU DHABI,
DOHA, JIDDA AND KUWAIT APR 05.

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 10061

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EFIN, EAID, EG
SUBJ: RUMORED REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT OF IBRD CONSULTA-
TIVE GROUP

REF: CAIRO 10005

1. JAPANESE EMBOFF CALLED EMBASSY APRIL 5 TO ASK IF
WE HAD HEARD STORY, WHICH HE SAID HE HAD GOTTEN FROM
"EUROPEAN SOURCE", THAT SAUDIS ARE REQUESTING POSTPONE-
MENT OF IBRD CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING. ACCORDING
JAPANESE SOURCE, SAUDIS(AND OTHER GODE MEMBERS) FIND
UPCOMING IBRD MEETING SOURCE OF POTENTIAL EMBARRASSMENT.
THEY ARE NOT PREPARED TO MAKE ADDITIONAL AID COMMITMENT
TO EGYPT AND FEAR THERE WILL BE PRESSURE TO DO SO.
PUBLIC SHOW OF SUPPORT FOR EGYPT WHICH WILL
COME OUT OF IBRD MEETING ALSO OF CONCERN TO SAUDIS
BECAUSE OF CURRENT POLITICAL RELATIONSHIPS IN ARAB WORLD.
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2. WE TOLD JAPANESE EMBOFF WE HAD NO SUCH INFORMATION
AND THAT AS FAR AS WE AWARE ARRANGEMENTS FOR
MEETING PROCEEDING NORMALLY.

3. COMMENT: AS MENTIONED PREVIOUS REPORTS, CONTINUED
DONOR SUPPORT FOR EGYPTIAN ECONOMY EVEN MORE IMPORTANT

IN MONTHS AHEAD AS PERCEPTION THAT PEACE PROCESS IS
STALLING SEEPS DOWN AND EGYPTIANS TURN THEIR ATTENTION
TO INTERNAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. WE WOULD VIEW AS UN-
DESIRABLE ANY, EXCEPT EGYPTIAN-INSPIRED, POSTPONE-
MENT OF IBRD MEETING. WE WOULD HOPE FRANKLY THAT
MEETING COULD BE USED TO URGE GODE MEMBERS TO BE MORE
FORTHCOMING WITH AID TO EGYPT.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE ADDRESSEES COMMENTS ON JAPANESE
INFORMATION. EILTS
UNQUOTE VANCE

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